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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Application No. : 10/603,278  
Applicant(s) : John Keeney Howie, et al.  
Filed : June 25, 2003  
Title : METHOD FOR REDUCTION OF ACRYLAMIDE IN COCOA PRODUCTS, COCOA PRODUCTS HAVING REDUCED LEVELS OF ACRYLAMIDE, AND ARTICLE OF COMMERCE  
TC/A.U. : 1761  
Examiner : Keith D. Hendricks  
Conf. No. : 4432  
Docket No. : 9285L  
Customer No. : 27752

- ☐ No additional fees (claims fees or extension fees) are known to be required.
- ☒ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$300 =	\$0
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- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$430.00 for a two-month extension of time.
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COMMERCE

AMENDMENT AFTER OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action dated June 30, 2004 please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.